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Date: 2/19/2018 9:08:26 PM
Subject: Re: Donor Pledge letter/ Donor List (Confidential)
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Unbelievable. Thx

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On Feb 19, 2018, at 5:33 PM, William Gibbons (wgibbons) <wgibbons@memphis.edu> wrote:

Yes !

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From: Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:35 PM
To: William Gibbons (wgibbons)
Subject: RE: Donor Pledge letter/ Donor List (Confidential)

did Billingsley also pledge 5k?

From: William Gibbons (wgibbons) [<mailto:wgibbons@memphis.edu>]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Adams, Ben C.
Subject: Fw: Donor Pledge letter/ Donor List (Confidential)

Ben,

I did NOT send the email below to two private sector board members who were actually in the "first wave" of solicitation letters - Kevin Clarkson (CB Richard Ellis) and Craig Weiss (Venture Towers). It was just a little too awkward.

In the case of CB Richard Ellis, the last contribution was in 2105. The letter to Venture Towers actually went to Billy Orgel. Craig Weiss serves as VP. Craig has pledged \$5,000 personally.

I will include both of them in the email following up the "second wave" of letters.

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From: William Gibbons (wgibbons)
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:02 PM
Cc: Ben Adams; Linda Russell
Subject: Fw: Donor Pledge letter/ Donor List (Confidential)

At the last board meeting, Ben and I announced that we would be sending a significant number of letters out seeking donations from private sector individuals/ entities.

The "first wave" of letters went out this past Friday. The letters went to individuals/entities that have been approached in the past. Some have contributed (prior to 2017), and some have never contributed.

The "second wave" of letters will go out in the next week or so and will be directed to businesses and other entities that have never even been approached for support of the Crime Commission. (This is actually a larger list.)

At the board meeting, Ben asked all private sector board members to assist by following up the letters with personal contacts to designated individuals asking for their financial support.

Attached is the letter which went to various people last Friday and a list of the individuals to whom the letter was addressed. The list also indicates whether there have been any past contributions and, if so, when and how much. With a few exceptions, the list also includes phone numbers. (We do not have email addresses.)

If there is an * by a contribution, that means it was a contribution earmarked for a specific program (such as the DA's Bikes for Perfect Attendance program) and NOT for general Crime Commission operations. (Some of these earmarked contributions actually occurred in 2017. Any other listed contributions occurred prior to 2017.)

Ben and I would like for you to take a look at the list, then let me know any individuals you are willing to contact. We will appreciate your help.

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